

**SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE**

**PRESENTS**

# **A TUNA CHRISTMAS**

**BY ARRANGEMENT WITH SAMUEL FRENCH**



**BY JASTON WILLIAMS, JOE SEARS, AND ED HOWARD**

**DIRECTED BY MICHAEL DUFFY**

**DEC. 12-15 & 19-22, 2019**

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*\* If there are any mistakes on this list, please forgive us - and let us know so that we can correct them!*

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## PRODUCTION NOTES

DIRECTOR.....	Michael Duffy
STAGE MANAGER.....	Erik Sperber
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....	Michael Leone
PROPERTIES/COSTUMES .....	Sylvia Pickell
SET CONSTRUCTION.....	Michael Leone, Erik Sperber
SET PAINTING.....	Kendall Jones, McKenzie Quinn Barnett, Bianca Rowlett, Jennica Greco
SOUND TECH.....	Colby Rearden
LIGHT TECH.....	McKenzie Quinn Barnett
BACKSTAGE CREW.....	Jack Burnett, Tegan Kates, Erik Sperber
DRESSERS.....	Sylvia Pickell, Jody Melton, Lexi Melton, Michelle Ross, Bianca Rowlett
POSTER & PLAYBILL.....	Michael Duffy

Lobby artwork by

*Sarah Skinner*

*Give art this Christmas...*

*All art is for sale.*

*Please support our local artists this season and year round!*

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There will be a

**15-MINUTE**

**INTERMISSION**

between Acts 1 and 2.

The concession area in the lobby will be open with soft drinks, beer and wine.

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**SLT** Sumter Little THEATRE



## A SOLDIERS PLAY

FEB. 13-16 & 20-23, 2020

Winner of the 1982 Pulitzer Prize in drama and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award this play explores systemic racism in the U.S. Army during World War II. The story takes place at United States Army's Fort Neal, Louisiana in 1944 when the military was racially segregated. In the opening scene of the play, the audience witnesses the murder of a Black army sergeant, Vernon Waters by an unseen shooter. The action of the play focuses on the murder investigation led by Captain Richard Davenport, a black officer. Davenport learns the shocking truth about Sgt. Waters and his murderer through interviews with the men in his platoon

Come celebrate the Yuletide season with Tuna, Texas OKOK radio personalities Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie. Watch them throw some tinsel on "everything that ain't movin and some things that is." And find out who won the Christmas lawn decorating contest this year in Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas. Laugh the holiday season in with this Christmas crowd pleaser!

## MEET THE CAST

**Kelly Melton** as Arles Struvie, Didi Snavelly, Petey Fisk, Jody Bumiller, Charlene Bumiller, Stanley Bumiller, Vera Carp, Dixie Deberry, Helen Bedd, Farley Burkhalter, Garland Poteet

*Kelly is very nervous returning to the SLT stage after a 4 four year hiatus. Will he crash and burn? Will he forget what character he is? Will he throw up back stage? Watch carefully tonight and see. In his other life you may find him lurking in the woods at Dillon Park, throwing frisbees or hoarding foam for the Sumter High Theatre Department where he teaches an award-winning program. He would thank his family for support but no one helped him run lines, so he's just gonna thank the Crew, Michael Duffy, and all the other cast members, including his good friend, Matt Wilt.*

*This just in! He would like to thank his family after all. Happy Christmas.*



**Matthew Wilt** as Thurston Wheelis, Elmer Watkins, Bertha Bumiller, R.R. Snavelly, Aunt Pearl Burras, Sheriff Givens, Ike Thompson, Inita Goodwin, Leonard Childers, Phoebe Burkhalter, Joe Bob Lipsey



*Matt is back on the SLT stage. In a dress. Again. At this point, it's a requirement. You may have seen him in a dress last year in "Baskerville." Or the year before as Jacob in "La Cage Aux Folles." Or as Jack in "Leading Ladies" the year before that...you get the idea. As always, Matt is grateful to all involved at SLT. Sumter's hidden gem, its been a place of laughter for years. Maybe one day, for Matt at least, it'll become a place for pants as well. Matt sends all his love to his family, Hillary and Hayden, whose laughs are gold.*